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1. FIVE-MEMBER NATIONAL ASSEMBLY GROUP LED BY GOVERNMENT DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN PARTY FLOOR LEADER KIM YONG TAE VISITED NIAMEY BETWEEN JUNE 24 AND JUNE 27. THIS BEING FIRST VISIT OF THIS TYPE BY FOREIGN DELEGATION, GON GAVE KOREANS ITS VERY BEST RED-CARPET TREATMENT AND ARRANGED FULL SCHEDULE, INCLUDING MEETINGS WITH OFFICIALS OF NEW REGIME.

2. KOREAN DELEGATION WAS MET BY MINISTERIAL WELCOMING COMMITTEE COMPRISING ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INFORMATION MINISTER, REPRESENTATIVE OF PRESIDENT AND PROTOCOL PEOPLE. DURING VISIT, DELEGATION CALLED ON PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE, MAJOR SANI, ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER, AND ADMINISTRATORS OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND WERE GUESTS AT OFFICIAL DINNER GIVEN BY MFA.

IN PRESS INTERVIEW KIM YONG TAE CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD DELIVERED PERSONAL LETTER FROM PRESIDENT PARK TO PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE NOTING THAT KOREA AND NIGER HAD MAINTAINED CLOSE RELATIONS FOR 14 YEARS AND ANNOUNCED THAT KOREA WOULD EXPEDITE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CERAMICS FACTORY AGREED UPON IN 1969.

3. DURING MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER JUNE 26 ON OTHER MATTERS, LATTER CONFIRMED THAT NIGER FULLY SUPPORTED SOUTH KOREA AS EVIDENCED BY WARM RECEPTION WHICH IT HAD ACCORDED DELEGATION. HE AFFIRMED THAT SOUTH KOREA COULD CONTINUE TO COUNT ON NIGER'S SUPPORT FOR ROK POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION AT UN.

4. MR. S. W. OH, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO KIM, CALLED ON EMBOFF BEFORE DEPARTURE JUNE 27. HE EXPRESSED DELEGATION'S PLEASURE AT WARM RECEPTION AND INDICATED MOST DISCUSSIONS INVOLVED POSSIBLE KOREAN AID TO NIGER. OH OPINED THIS WOULD BE IN FORM OF INCREASED DONATION OF MEDICINES AND MORE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRAINING IN KOREA. NO FOOD AID SEEN AT THIS TIME.

5. OH REPORTED MAJOR SANI, IN WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION, EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE FOR CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT AND IN PARTICULAR FOR A TWO-PARTY SYSTEM. NO FURTHER DETAILS. THIS IS FIRST TIME WE HAVE HEARD MEMBER OF SMC EXPRESS VIEWS ON POSSIBLE RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE.

6. DELEGATION PLANS TO BE IN ABIDJAN UNTIL JUNE 30 AND WILL HAVE MEETING WITH ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT YACE. ON JUNE 30 DELEGATION WILL FLY TO YAOUNDE FOR 3 DAYS THEN ON TO KINSHASA. DELEGATION WILL PROBABLY CALL ON U.S. EMBASSIES IN ABOVE CAPITALS.
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